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## FESTIVAL AFLOAT CN TAKES A LOOK ROUND THE EXHIBITION SHIP

*The Campania, Festival Exhibition Ship which is visiting ten ports of the British Isles this summer, is here described*

By the CN Shipping Correspondent

**G**AILY painted white, with masts bright yellow, and the Festival symbol bold in relief on her sides, the *Campania*, which is at Dundee this week, looks now very unlike the grey-painted aircraft carrier I went on board in Glasgow in 1945.

Then she was a carrier engaged in bringing home British troops and civilians from the West Indies, and was partly "manned" by cats! At least, her two mascots had been duly entered on the ship's articles as "Ordinary Cats."

### BEAR-FACED

"They made me fall off my bicycle," said a railway official who reported meeting "two polar bears" on the Lewes-East Grinstead main road, early one morning.

"The bears," he told the East Sussex County Police, "circled around me, sniffing at my bicycle. Then something seemed to startle them and they clumsily galloped off into a wood."

The police, familiar with the unnatural history reported by countrymen, asked about the colour of the bears. "They were not white like most polar bears," said the cyclist. "They were brown with a broad white band down the face."

"Ah," said the police, "then the animals weren't bears! They were badgers. And probably they'd never seen a man on a bicycle before, hence their curiosity."

### WHAT IS WHACON?

**T**HE latest meat curiosity, officially approved for use in sausages and pies, is whacon.

It is processed whalemeat in a new guise, for the peculiar taste of whalemeat has been removed by extracting trimethylamine oxide from it. According to meat experts, it tastes rather like corned beef, and will be on sale in the shops soon.

### POLISHED



Marmaduke, 582-pound giant tortoise at the London Zoo, gets an oiling from his keeper.

There have been many technical problems to solve in converting the *Campania* into the colourful, instructional, and interesting floating exhibition which she is now.

She was laid down as a refrigerated merchant hull in Harland & Wolff's famous liner-building yard in Belfast, and was intended for the Australasian butter and meat trade.

### Arctic adventure

Then she was converted on the stocks into an escort aircraft carrier, and served on the dreaded Russian Arctic convoys. Probably the first operational night landing was made on her flight deck.

The Festival exhibits are all arranged on the hangar deck or the flight deck. That is to say, all their weight—and your weight, too—is high up on board, and so none of the exhibits can be very heavy. The heaviest of all have been arranged very carefully down the centre line of the ship, to prevent her from rolling excessively while at sea.

Another big problem has been the construction of the safe and roomy gangways (or "brows" as the Navy calls them), by which visitors come aboard at the stern and go ashore at the bow. They had to be long enough to use at all states of the tide, strong enough to bear the weight of a crowd, and yet light enough to be handled easily. The *Campania* will always berth starboard side to the quay, as the gangways are planned for that.

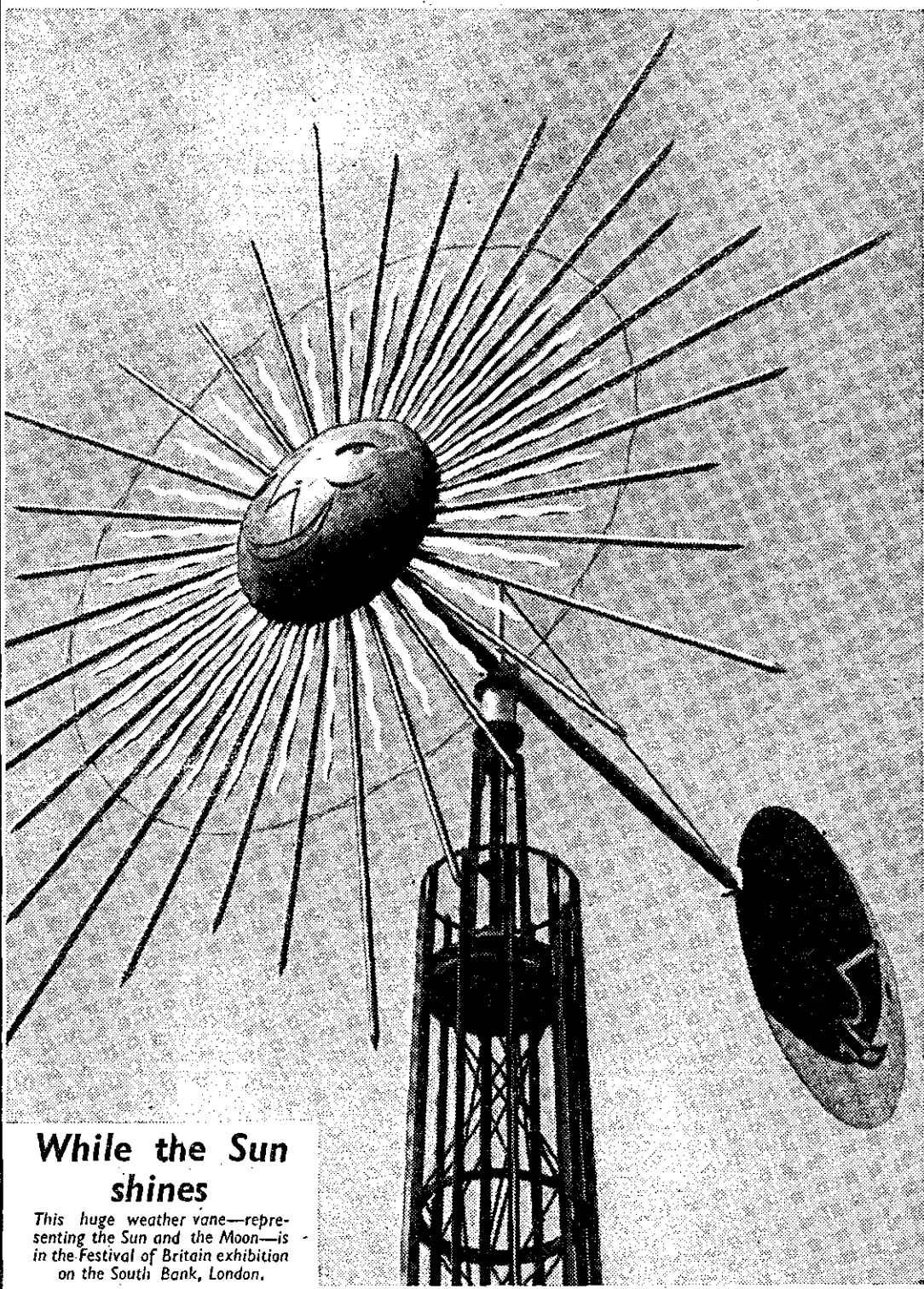
### Navigation problems

Anchoring was another difficulty her designers had to solve, though it is hoped that she will never have to anchor during the tour.

Then there is the problem of navigation at sea, as the *Campania*, like other aircraft carriers, has her bridge to one side to allow space for aircraft to land, but thereby reducing visibility from the bridge. Even in summer the seas around our coasts are often far from friendly, and the ship has to be completely seaworthy.

The *Campania's* foremost designers are Sir Charles Lillierap, Director of Naval Construction, principally for the ship herself; and Mr James Holland, principally for the Exhibition.

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### While the Sun shines

This huge weather vane—representing the Sun and the Moon—is in the Festival of Britain exhibition on the South Bank, London.

### LIFE SAVED BY A COMIC PAPER

**W**HILE standing at the tail end of a jet fighter at a Californian airfield an American airman was caught unawares when the engines started, and was sucked bodily into the air-scoop of the fighter.

He might have been killed but for the fact that he was carrying a comic paper in his pocket. The pages of this were sucked from his pocket and drawn into the air-scoop, where they flattened themselves against the screen there.

The pages cut down the suction of the air, and the airman escaped with a broken arm and severe bruises.

### Army made from bits and pieces

**F**ASHIONING perfect model soldiers in full dress from unlikely odds and ends is the hobby of a Windsor Post Office technician, Mr T. J. F. Saunders.

He has turned a meat-paste tin into an exquisite little drum, used pins to make a tiny rifle's swivels and an old kid glove for its sling. He has used rabbit fur for a smart Guardsman's bearskin, and a tassel from his pyjamas cord for the plume on a Life Guard's helmet.

Coloured and shaped by his skillful hands these bits and pieces have become accurate and beautiful models which have won prizes at various Hobbies' exhibitions.

### NEIGHBOURS

Four blackbirds nesting at Lower Green, Woodchurch, Kent, have up-to-date ideas on building. On a ledge in a chicken-house they have built semi-detached nests—bound together but with a definite dividing wall.

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## SHOULD THE WEST CEASE TO TRADE WITH CHINA?

**T**HE military support that the Chinese have been giving to the Communist aggressors in Korea has added enormously to the task of the United Nations, whose sole purpose is the restoration of peace in that unhappy country.

America and Britain, whose forces are enduring much hardships in resisting the new menace, are both particularly concerned about the best way to deal with the Chinese intervention.

The debates following General MacArthur's return home have shown how difficult is this problem of China. It is not only that that vast country with its 400 to 500 million people can throw into the battle great armies, but also that the way the United Nations handle the Chinese problem is almost certain to have a tremendous influence on all Asia.

It is here that wide differences of viewpoint between Britain and America have come to light. The Americans declare that Communist China has intervened in Korea and must be branded as an aggressor. This having been done (in a United Nations resolution) we must deny to the aggressor any help, even in commerce; we must also compel him by armed force in Korea to abandon his costly adventure.

The British Government's standpoint is on the whole similar, but it takes a long-range view of the situation. This is due to Britain's longer experience in dealing with China.

### Guilty of aggression

Like our American allies we declare emphatically that China is guilty of aggression and must mend her ways. Yet we are reluctant to believe that the best way of forcing her to do so is by economic blockade or a military attack on her mainland.

We must not, so to speak, shut the door completely, but must at least give the Chinese Government the chance to emerge and make a gesture of good will towards the democratic countries by showing a willingness to

negotiate peace in stricken Korea.

If China is to become a really prosperous member of the community of nations she must trade. This means maritime trade. Cut off from the sea lanes, China would become landlocked. She would become fully dependent on Russia, served by slender caravan routes or the solitary Siberian railway line.

The prosperity of the great Chinese nation can only be found in increased commerce with those parts of the world which can supply it with the key factors of modern civilisation: technical skill, and machines. Without them there can be no progress for China as, indeed, for any nation.

### Danger of total war

Our Government's opinion, therefore, is that, while completely stopping goods of any military value from entering China by way of Hong Kong or otherwise, the allies should not try to impose on her a full blockade which would really mean an economic war, and probably total war.

This patient point of view has many supporters among the United Nations and, indeed, in America itself.

But, of course, everything depends on the Chinese. We can but hope and pray that the Peking Government will realise that those western nations who have brought prosperity to China in the past are the genuine friends of that world peace in which it would be possible for her millions to thrive.

## FESTIVAL AFLOAT—continued

The *Campania* is under the Red Ensign, for which she was originally intended. Her manning is in the competent hands of the Prince Line, part of the Furness Withy combine.

The floating exhibition tells the story of the natural resources and occupations of the people of Britain, together with something of the way we live and the people we are. It is the same theme as that of the South Bank Exhibition in London—where, of course, there is much more space to unfold it.

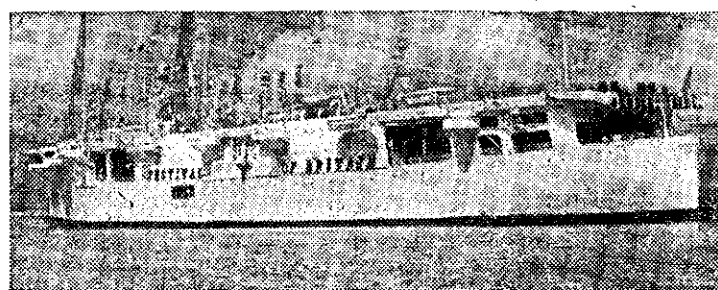
Clever use is made of passages and corners to create an extraordinary feeling of space within the hangar, which is 300 feet long, 70 feet wide, and 25 feet high.

The Exhibition designer, Mr

James Holland, told me to look out for the old Watt beam engine of 1825 (built by James Watt's son), which was found in a Holyhead goods yard, and is still working as a pumping engine. It is the oldest mechanical exhibit on board, and close by is the latest thing in jets.

On board, models are given full play, and wherever possible there are moving lights and parts to attract and hold the eye. Look out, too, for the latest ship's radar equipment, and for an impressive model of London Airport.

Officially, two hours are calculated as time for a good look-round. But anyone interested in geology or docks or boats or aircraft should allow himself a good deal more time than that!



The Festival of Britain ship, *Campania*

## Australian boys touring Britain

**A** PARTY of 97 Australian schoolboys will be keen spectators at next Saturday's Surrey v Essex match at the Oval. They are here for a grand six-week tour of the Old Country sponsored by the Melbourne Sun Pictorial and the Overseas League.

With their five teacher-leaders they have made the voyage in the *Ormond*, due to berth at Tilbury this week, and on Friday are to go to St James's Palace to meet the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

Their programme includes a tour of London, inspecting the Mint, the Bank of England and, of course, the South Bank; a tour



of Scotland, a stay in camp at Prestatyn, and a visit to University College, Oxford. On June 28 they are due at Croydon where their cricket team may play a match against a Croydon Schools XI—a schoolboy Test.

They embark for home on July 6.

## Sweeping changes

**UP** at Dipton, County Durham, recently the villagers were plagued by a colony of jackdaws which insisted on nesting in chimney pots. One man, to prevent them nesting, obtained a sweep's broom, pushed it up the chimney and left it there with the bristles overhanging the rim of the pot. Later inspection showed that the wily jacks had stripped the broom of bristles and with them had built nests in neighbouring chimney pots.

## Model champions

**C**ROYDON and District Model Aeroplane Club has had a record year of successes, and is displaying in a local shop window 32 trophies including one international, six national, and many county and inter-county awards.

The club, formed in 1919, has won the national championship for the fifth time in six years.

### That old tooth

While walking along the beach near his home, Barry Hodds, a schoolboy of Winterton, Norfolk, found a massive fossil—the molar tooth of a straight-tusked elephant which lived about 475,000 years ago.

## NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

### EMPIRE DAY FESTIVAL

Young people from the United Kingdom, Dominions, and Colonies are taking part in an Empire Day Festival concert at the Kingsway Hall, London, on May 24.

A new road is being driven through virgin bush in Northern Nigeria which will cut the distance on the main route from Lagos to Kaduna by 100 miles. The new road, which will cost about £65,000, will also open up a large bush area to cultivation and grazing.

The Scout Gilt Cross has been awarded to John Richardson, of the 1st Market Harborough troop, for rescuing a seven-year-old boy from the River Welland.

Asking that a primary school should be built at Whitfield, Kent, the local councillor told a meeting that one family in the village had five children attending five different schools.

Captain Rene Fontelles, of a French Air Force mountain flying school, has set up a new glider world speed record of 42 miles an hour over a flight of 72 miles.

During the past five years the European population of Southern Rhodesia has almost doubled; it is now about 140,000.

A 90-year-old Chicago woman who died in April has left £1800 for the regular feeding of pigeons along the city's Michigan Boulevard.

### AFTER ALL THAT TROUBLE

When firemen reached a Persian cat marooned for several days on the top of a house in Brixton, it jumped 30 feet to the ground and disappeared.

A road safety competition for child cyclists throughout Britain is being organised by the National Cyclists' Union.

Russia has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee and can now take part in the Olympic Games.

The bombed site east of St Paul's Cathedral has been opened as a Festival Garden by the Lord Mayor of London. Flower beds and a lavender hedge surround a sunken lawn, from which two fountains play.

The ancient and modern defence of the Cinque Ports are depicted in a new east window in the 11th-century church of St Leonard at Hythe, Kent. It replaces one destroyed by a bomb in 1940.

Window-cleaner Bob Caruthers has been elected Mayor of his native town Heywood, Lancs—and will continue to clean the town hall windows.

### Licence for lollipops

The Minister of Health is being urged by the Association of Municipal Corporations to make the registration of water-ice and ice-lollipop factories compulsory.

Mme Jacqueline Auriol, the French President's daughter-in-law, who since a flying accident two years ago has had 22 operations, has set up a new women's air speed record of 509.22 m.p.h. in a French-built Vampire.

Bob Hope, the famous comedian, gave two weeks' salary for his appearance in London to Clubland. Here we see him during the visit he paid to the famous Walworth Youth centre.

A 90-pound devil fish was found stranded on the banks of the River Avon at Bristol.

### War on weeds

Berkshire County Council in an effort to control the growth of weeds on the Bath road are to spray the grass verge for some miles beyond Maidenhead.

Southern Rhodesia's new national airport, near Salisbury, will have runways capable of taking jet air-liners like the Comet.

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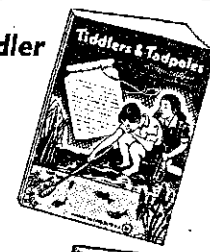
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## THEY WENT TO CLINK

How many of the 130 firemen recently called upon to fight a fire in a warehouse at Winchester Wharf, adjoining Cannon Street railway bridge in London, realised that they were "going to clink"?

The wharf stands on the site of the old Clink debtors' prison, and some of the cells of the prison are said to exist still beneath the wharf. So many people were imprisoned for debt there that "clink" as an expression for prison has passed into the dictionary.

The name is still to be found in Clink Street, adjoining the wharf.

## BIGGEST SHOW IN SCOTLAND

THERE will be excited crowds round Glasgow's Kelvin Hall next Monday morning. Princess Elizabeth will be there to open the City's Exhibition of Industrial Power, the biggest and most comprehensive Festival show outside London.

Inside the hall will be gathered 3500 distinguished men and women, including all the Lord Provosts and Provosts, and the opening ceremony will be broadcast.

On the following day Princess Elizabeth will visit Perth's Festival celebrations. She will see the Exhibition of Needlework and Pottery, and a performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* by the Perth Theatre Company.

## THE CHASE IS ON

WRONGDOERS in India are to be chased by a police station. East Indian Railways are to be equipped with a mobile police station, which will be moved to the scene of a crime.

## WESLEY GARDEN

FOR 17 years Charles Wesley, the writer of more than 6000 hymns, lived with his family at 1 Chesterfield Street, Marylebone. From there he would set out to help his famous brother John with his preaching and teaching in London.

Charles died in the spring of 1788, and was laid to rest in the old Marylebone churchyard, where a simple tombstone which first marked his grave has been replaced by an obelisk.

The blitz on London caused havoc and destruction on the site, but now a spacious and beautiful garden is to be created round the obelisk so that visitors to the Festival of Britain, and to the forthcoming Oxford conference of Methodists from all over the world, may rejoice that the memory of Charles Wesley is fittingly honoured.

## HOGARTH RELIC

A PICTURE by Hogarth, believed to be the only relic of the decorations painted for Vauxhall Gardens, is included in an exhibition of works of art from private collections in Northumberland, being held at the Hatton Gallery of King's College, Newcastle, until June 15.

Also shown is an unrecorded work by Reynolds, and hitherto unpublished pictures by Bonington, Claude, Giulio Romano, Gainsborough, and Jan Baptist Weenix. These are but a few of the little-known treasures that remain in private collections.



The boys in blue

Two members of the newly-formed City of London Police Cadet Force receive instruction at the City Police Headquarters

## BUDGERIGARS GO HOME TO ROOST

THE Duke of Bedford, a celebrated authority on birds, has trained his budgerigars at Woburn Park to return to their aviaries every evening.

This is a remarkable achievement, for budgerigars are wandering birds, and if they escape from their cages and fly out of a window they do not as a rule return home.

The flock at Woburn can be seen flying about, freely in the daytime, but they always go back at night to their aviaries, where they are safe from owls.

## 150 MILES BY BOAT TO SOUTH BANK

ACCOMPANIED by their geography master, Mr John Marshall, 12 boys of Tamworth Road County School, Long Eaton, Derbyshire, are planning a novel method of visiting the South Bank Exhibition. They are organising a trip by river and canal—150 miles each way—and, allowing for five days in London, they estimate that it will take just under three weeks.

The journey is to be made in two converted Army pontoons equipped with outboard engines, and the boys are diligently studying marine engineering and navigation. They will continue their regular school studies while aboard the pontoons, as well as attending to cooking, cleaning, and clothing repairs.

## Jet-bicycle



One of the exhibits at a French bicycle show was this machine with jet-propulsion attachment.

## BRIMSTONE BUGS

IN the present world shortage of sulphur, an important element in many industrial processes, a microbe that can actually produce sulphur is sure to be popular.

British scientists have been studying these little creatures, which are brought from the warm lakes of North Africa, and are able to turn sulphates and sulphides into sulphur by oxidation. Now Australian scientists are examining the work carried out by the United Kingdom Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Australia has to import nearly 150,000 tons of sulphur a year, and microbes that could produce it on the spot would be most useful immigrants.

## BOOKS THEY LIKE

THE test of a writer's fame is the extent to which his works are translated into other languages. During 1949 the authors who were most translated were Goethe and Balzac; then came Hugo, Dickens, and Chekhov.

These facts are given by a Unesco index which shows that of all translations published the novel takes first place. Italians, Americans, and French people seem to prefer books on history and geography. Hungary and Bulgaria demand books on the social sciences and schoolteaching. Russians and Spaniards like books on the natural and applied sciences, and books on metaphysics and theology are in the greatest demand in Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Great Britain.

## WHAT SORT OF PERSON ARE YOU?

ARE you endomorphic, mesomorphic, or ectomorphic? Don't be frightened, these are not diseases—they mean fat, middling and thin.

Scientists think it may soon be possible to judge a man's character by looking at his figure, and perhaps even to change him for the better (for example, to turn a sad man into a jolly one) by medical treatment.

Read about this new discovery and learn what kind of person you are in *Your Figure and Your Personality*, one of many exciting features that await you in *WORLD DIGEST*. Now on sale—One Shilling

## MUSIC FROM THE WOOD

TWO interesting exhibits which have attracted attention at the Banbury and District Arts and Crafts Festival are a violoncello and a violin made by Mr Clifton, a farmer, of Great Tew.

Six kinds of wood—maple, pine, hawthorn, wych-elm, yew, and laburnum—were used in the 'cello; and the hair used for the bow was from one of Mr Clifton's horses. It took a year to make.

## FESTIVE VILLAGE

ALTHOUGH the Kent village of Lenham lies so close to the busy arterial road between Ashford and Maidstone, it still keeps its old-world charm, and has been chosen by the B B C to typify the lighter side of English rural life in this Festival year.

A series of broadcasts are being made from this village where the spirit of Merrie England lives on, and the villagers can be relied on to rise to the occasion. At last summer's carnival every resident in the place complied with the request "decorate your streets, your houses, and yourselves, so that we can have a day we shall remember."

## HERON NURSERY

MORE than 50 pairs of herons, the highest number ever recorded, are nesting in the ancient heronry at Chilham Castle, Kent.

Prominent in an avenue of beech trees in the castle grounds, this heronry was mentioned in the Domesday Book.

## HEIGHTS & PLAINS OF ABRAHAM

THE Heights of Abraham, the Derbyshire beauty spot, where

... in wild pomp, magnificently bleak, Stupendous Matlock towers amid the Peak,

have been purchased by Matlock Urban Council at a cost of £5100.

For many years these pleasure grounds have been popular with visitors to Matlock, and the above lines were written by James Montgomery, the Scottish poet, on the wall of an alcove halfway up the hill, after surveying the landscape for awhile.

The Heights of Abraham get their name from the historic Plains of Abraham, scene of General Wolfe's victory at Quebec in 1759.

These Heights are also in the news, for an unsightly slum settlement is being cleared away from them. Located practically in the backyard of Upper Town, Quebec's fashionable residential district, this slum, commonly known as Flea town, has attracted much attention from tourists.

## EAST END CHANGES

AN exhibition of exceptional interest which can be seen at the Whitechapel Art Gallery till October has as its theme, The East End in 1851.

To remind visitors how localities change is an old hand-loom on which Spitalfields silk was woven. There are also beautiful old sugar moulds used by a famous confectionery firm, and relics of the famous Blackwall shipyards.

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## On the right lines

### NUMBERS ENGAGED

ONE of the busiest telephones in the country this summer will be that of the Festival of Britain South Bank Exhibition, and what better number could it possibly have than WATERLOO 1951?

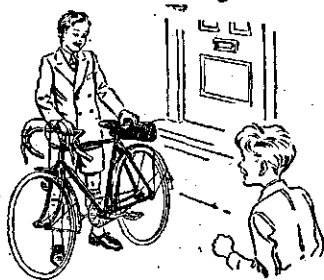
Other names and numbers on the telephone also have an appropriate ring. One of London's famous banking establishments, Coutts and Co, took over the accounts of Nelson's executors in 1816 and have many records with entries concerning the famous admiral. How right, therefore, was the Post Office to agree that their archives vault should have the number 1805 on the new TRAFALGAR exchange.

WATERLOO 1815 is at the time of writing unused, but people who wish to ring the Midland Bank at Hastings have to ask for 1066.

Other names and numbers on the telephone also have an appropriate ring, and what a pickle H. J. Heinz and Co would be in if they lost their present phone number ELGAR 5757!

Car registration numbers are often just as apt. Lord Brabazon, who holds the first pilot's licence ever issued, has a car with registration FLY 1. Many comedians have arranged to have fitting car numbers. The late Harry Tate had HT8; the Western Brothers have CAD 2; and Bud Flanagan OI 1.

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### At the court of Gloriana

Taking part in the historical pageant, Sussex by the Sea, which was presented at Arundel Castle, were the four daughters of the Duke of Norfolk. Here we see them with the Queen in "the court of Queen Elizabeth."

## Submarines may sail under the North Pole

BOTH in the United States and in Russia marine experts are considering plans for building fleets of under-ice cargo submarines capable of sailing beneath the pack ice of the Arctic Ocean. The Americans, in fact, have completed the design of a submarine freighter which they claim could carry 7500 tons of cargo at a submerged speed of 20 knots.

The Russian marine engineer, Nikolai Zubov, has also carried his ideas to the drawing-board stage. He has designed a cargo submarine to operate on under-ice routes, which would greatly reduce the sailing distance between ports of the Far East and those of North America and Northern Europe.

For example, the route between Liverpool and Yokohama via either the Suez or the Panama Canals is 12,500 and 11,000 miles respectively. But it is only 6000 miles by way of the North Pole and the ice-jammed straits between Greenland and Spitsbergen. The Arctic route would effect a 60-day saving on return trips.

What would happen if a submarine were forced to surface in

the Arctic Ocean, where the sea ice averages 14 feet in thickness? Zubov's answer takes the form of deck bumpers to lessen the shock, and a special apparatus designed to melt the thickest ice. He has also designed a sphere with which, in an emergency, dogs and sledging equipment could be sent to the surface from a doomed submarine, the sphere melting its way through the thickest ice.

There is nothing new in sailing under the Polar ice. In 1931 the Australian explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins set out in the submarine *Nautilus*, formerly the US Navy's P12, with a volunteer crew of 22. He took the submarine under the ice of the Arctic Ocean and reached a point within 400 miles of the North Pole before having to turn back.

At the time he prophesied: "The future will see fleets of cargo-submarines operating under the North Pole."

It may not be long before Sir Hubert's vision of twenty years ago is realised, with cigar-shaped merchantmen nosing through the translucent shades of the Polar seas.

## HISTORIC SCOTTISH CHURCH

A SPECIAL service has been held in the parish church of St Columba, Burntisland, to commemorate the proposal made there just 350 years ago at a meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland that a new translation of the Bible should be provided.

That was in 1601, and the meeting was attended by King James the Sixth, then in residence at Falkland Palace. He was present when the need for a new translation was brought forward, and at Hampton Court three years later, after he had ascended to the throne of England as James the First, he initiated the work of the new translation. This was our present Authorised Version of the Bible, published in 1611.

St Columba, Burntisland, is

one of the historic churches of the Reformation in Scotland. It is also the only church in Scotland which retains intact the old guild lofts of the seamen, maltsters, and others, and possesses the only remaining canopied pew, now used by the magistrates of Burntisland.

### Uganda gets weaving

TEXTILE manufacture is to be started in Uganda, and work has begun on the construction of a textile mill at Jinja.

Power will be supplied by the Jinja hydro-electric scheme, and the whole process of making finished cloth from local cotton will be carried out at the mill. In due course 5000 to 6000 Africans will be employed.

Craven Hill writes of the birds at nesting time

## ZOO HOME-MAKERS

NESTING is now in full swing at the Zoo, though in most sections it is unusually late owing to the bad weather.

In some cases the avian home-makers are giving visitors a good laugh. Not the least amusing are a pair of Magellan "jackass" penguins at the Mappin Terrace pond which have taken possession of one of the caves and are busy furnishing it with every kind of material on which they can lay their beaks.

Most of the collecting is done by the male penguin. Each time he arrives home with a beakful of grass, paper, or what-not, he lays it at the feet of his wife, utters a loud bray of triumph, and then resumes his foraging.

"Jackass" penguins come from the Falkland Isles, and it is a long time since this species bred at the Zoo. Last year the present female laid one egg and hatched it, but her chick soon died.

So many fantail pigeons has the Children's Zoo—there are more than thirty—that the two cotes provided are insufficient to accommodate them all.

The housing problem is having the inevitable result, and several pairs are building in outbuildings. One pair have even built their home on a rafter in the Exhibition Hall, close above the popular Mousetown exhibit, and the female is sitting on two eggs.

Another pair are building in the elephant stable.

"The pair in the Exhibition Hall are canny birds," Miss Pip Viney, the supervisor, said. "They couldn't have chosen a warmer spot. Fortunately, there is a gap beneath the roof through which the birds can come and go when the building is closed."

"The fact that on most days the Hall is crowded with excited children doesn't worry the pigeons at all. Both are very tame, and it is possible to feed the female even as she sits in her nest!"

MANY fancy waterfowl have their nests in the waterfowl enclosure, and there are not a

few gate-crashers—ducks and other birds which have come in from the neighbouring park. Not all of these are meeting with success, however.

Keepers arriving for duty the other morning heard a great commotion going on and, approaching softly, saw a communal fight in progress. The Zoo's mallard were vigorously driving away several others of their kind who had flown into the Gardens.

"Mallard often try to come in," Headkeeper Jones told me. "They realise, of course, that here they are better off than on the park lakes, since we provide them not only with food, but also nesting-boxes."

"Unfortunately for the gate-crashers, we have nine mallard of our own, and these will not tolerate strangers just now."

ANYONE who doubts that the peacock is the vainest of birds—and in springtime the craziest also—should look at Snow-White, the Zoo's albino peacock, obtained two years ago from Belgium.

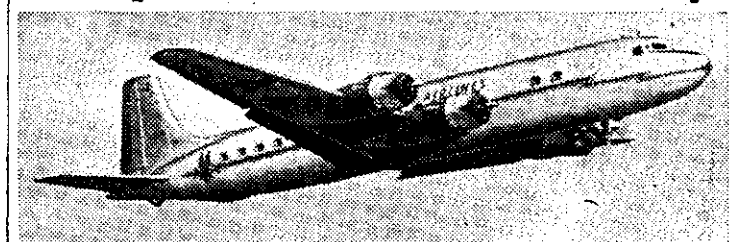
Recently Snow-White came into full plumage, and has grown a dazzlingly white "fan." Keepers accordingly moved him from an aviary to an open paddock, where there were several peafowl to whom he could exhibit his finery.

He certainly does this. So proud is Snow-White of his appearance that he often displays to inanimate objects.

Visitors had their greatest laugh when, the other day at feeding-time, a keeper tossed over the fence several cabbages for the birds to peck at. Before they could do so, Snow-White strutted up to the vegetables, threw up his gorgeous tail, and stood there proudly rattling the quills!

Officials were not surprised by this grotesque exhibition. "White peacocks seem to display far more readily than do their normal-coloured relatives," one observed to me. "We have known one to display to an upturned pail, and the same bird once displayed to a visitor's hat which had been blown into its enclosure."

## New planes for the world's airways



15. The DC-6B

TWENTY years ago Douglas engineers designed, the world's first "modern" airliner, the DC-2. Now they have added a new-comer, the DC-6B to a line of famous airliners which includes the DC-3; its wartime counterpart, the Dakota; the Skymaster; and the DC-6.

Claimed to be faster, possess a greater range, and carry more passengers than any other airliner with four piston engines, the first of these machines will soon go into service in America. Early next year the DC-6B will make its appearance on trans-Atlantic routes in the colours of Pan-American Airways, Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair, and the Scandinavian Airlines.

It will probably be one of the last long-range airliners to be designed with piston engines. The manufacturers, with an eye to the future, have in fact made provisions for suitable turbo-propellers to be fitted when they become available.

Fitted with four 2400 h-p Pratt and Whitney radial engines, the DC-6B cruises at 274 m.p.h. at 25,000 feet. It has a top speed of 365 m.p.h. and a range of more than 5000 miles.

On long flights 44 passengers are carried in reclining chairs, while on short routes seats can be provided for 92. A flight crew of ten is carried.

Span of the DC-6B is 117 feet 6 inches, and its length is 105 feet 7 inches.



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# From the 183rd Exhibition of the Royal Academy

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*Beauty Discarded, by Stanley Anderson, R A*



*Concours de Pêcheurs, Paris, by Charles Cundall, R A*



*Seville Chorus Girl, by Sir Gerald Kelly, P R A*



*The Rehearsal, by William Dring, A R A*



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*Two Boys Sailing, by Steven Spurrier, A R A*



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## WORLD FAMILY OF NATIONS

EMPIRE Day has come round again to remind us all of a glorious heritage; but above all it comes as an annual reminder that we are all members of a world family of nations rejoicing in freedom. The old imperialism has gone; the family spirit remains stronger than ever.

All the countries in the Empire, or the Commonwealth as we prefer to call it today, are united by ties which are stronger than ones of contract and constitution—ties that are represented by loyalty and pride of family.

The British Empire is not one held in bondage. Loyalty, pride in a glorious heritage, and the family spirit—these are the links which bind the Empire and make it a potent influence in the world today.

## THESE THINGS SHALL BE

These things shall be! A loftier race  
Than e'er the world hath known,  
shall rise  
With flame of freedom in their souls  
And light of science in their eyes.

Nation with nation, land with land,  
Inarmed shall live as comrades free;  
In every heart and brain shall throb  
The pulse of one fraternity.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,  
And mightier music thrill the skies,  
And every life shall be a song,  
When all the earth is paradise.  
J. Addington Symonds

## Under the Editor's Table

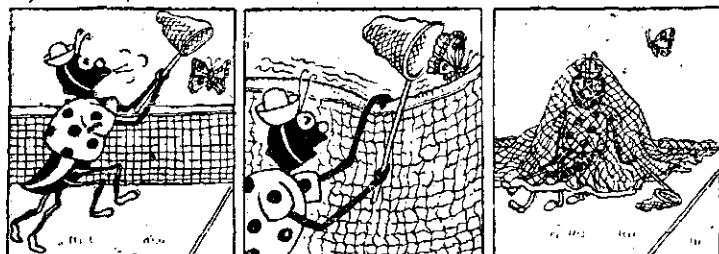
ESTIMATES are not easy to frame, says the Chancellor of the Exchequer. And not so attractive as pictures.

PEOPLE who do not walk properly are liable to headaches. Especially if they walk on their heads.

ONE has to take people as they are, says a speaker. Where to?

A CANADIAN visitor says London policemen are tops. Must have seen one on a bicycle going for a spin.

## BILLY BEETLE



## Kind maid of Middlesbrough

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Marion Richardson of Middlesbrough received an unexpected reward for a kind act.

She was wheeling two babies in a pram when she saw a blind man waiting to cross the road. Leaving her pram in charge of another child, she took the man's arm and led him across the road.

Unknown to her a policeman had seen the good deed, and she was invited to attend a meeting of the Accident Prevention Council to receive a diploma and a guinea for her courtesy.

"Can I give five shillings to the blind?" she asked, and was assured that she could.

If all road-users were as thoughtful of others as Marion there would be far fewer accidents.

## Handwriting as a handicraft

HANDWRITING lessons by television were suggested by Mr Alfred Fairbank, an authority in fine writing, in a recent lecture to the Royal Society of Arts in London. He said that films, too, should be used to train student-teachers and training college teachers in italic handwriting.

"Until handwriting is taught in the schools as an artistic handicraft our civilisation will not get as much as it might from education," he added.

The C.N. heartily endorses Mr Fairbank's remarks, for this paper is modestly proud of its share in awakening interest in this handicraft through its National Handwriting tests.

## A NURSE'S PRAYER

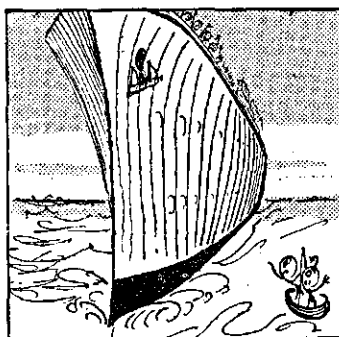
OH God thou putttest into my heart this great desire to devote myself to the sick and sorrowful; I offer it to thee. Do with it what is for thy service. Florence Nightingale

## KEEP A GOIN'

ONE of many interesting features of Norfolk House, a fine new business building just opened in Norwich, is a typical example of the county's dialect inscribed on a stone panel by the entrance. It expresses an admirable sentiment:

If it rain or if it snow—keep a goin',  
If it hail or if it blow—keep a goin',  
'Teern't no use t' set an' whine  
'Cause a fish eern't on yav line,  
Bait yav hook an' keep a tryin'—keep a goin'.

## SMITHS AT SEA



As all C.N. readers know, Stanley Smith is now at sea again in his 20-foot yawl. Before setting out he completed a light-hearted little book about the trans-Atlantic voyage which he and his brother made in 1949; and here we give one of the many amusing sketches which he drew for it. The book, called *Smiths at Sea*, is published at 4s by Robert Ross & Company, Southampton.

## Saracen chivalry

How astonished would the Crusaders have been if someone had prophesied that the descendants of the Saracens they were fighting would one day cherish the grim strongholds they had built! Yet it has come to pass.

Despite the passing of centuries these castles still appear to look down on the traveller with undiminished majesty, and both the Syrian and the Lebanese Governments have been devoting part of their budgets towards repairing them.

Thus the famous Krak des Chevaliers, a wonderful example of the architecture of the Crusades, near the road from Tripoli to Homs, is in an excellent state of preservation. A beginning has also been made on a £20,000 rebuilding scheme for Beaufort, an imposing 12th-century castle dominating the pass from Damascus to Sidon.

The preservation of these monuments of Christian zeal is well in keeping with the legends of Saracen chivalry towards the Crusaders.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Whittier wrote: I read the letters of the past that firm endurance wins at last more than the sword.

## Flying saucers at the cinema

THERE have been reports that American scientists are considering plans for creating artificial satellites to cruise in space round the Earth. But Hollywood has got well beyond the considering stage, and "space platforms" will feature in the new Columbia Pictures futuristic serial, *Captain Video*.

Among the strange gadgets in this film are a Controlled Flying Saucer, a Cosmic Vibrator, Gravitational Decelerator, Platinite Pulveriser, Pocket Rocket, Concussion Comet, and a Psychosomatic Plunger.

We shall hope that this film will not be shown stereoscopically, for even a thrill-seeking audience might not be happy with a flying saucer appearing to whizz over the one and tenpenny seats, and certainly would not care for the impression of being cosmically vibrated, cut off from gravitation, pulverised, or pocket-rocketed.

## Youth's idea for road safety

SOME useful suggestions were made by young delegates at Wandsworth's (London) first Children's Road Safety Congress.

One good suggestion was that parents should stop sending young children on errands close to school time. A boy or girl is told to call at a shop, or sent somewhere else near schooltime. Fearing to be late and loth to make the excuse, "I had to go on an errand," the child dashes carelessly across streets.

Young people need plenty of time to get to school if they have busy streets to cross.

## LOST AND FOUND

AFTER searching in all the most likely places for her little five-year-old girl, Mrs Chambers of Ramsgate called in her neighbours and then the police, who scoured the neighbourhood.

And all the time Wendy was asleep in her own cot; she had wanted to show that she could put herself to bed, and was lost only in The Land of Nod.



OUR HOMELAND

## THINGS SAID

If the age has in it ugly features the business of the artist should be not to add to the ugliness but for him of all men to strive to redeem it by works of beauty. Viscount Samuel

THE inclusion of a book exhibition in the Festival of Britain has accorded greater recognition to literature than has ever been given at any other comparable festival. Lord Jowitt

ONE thing is certain—that the things we are told to admire today, or many of them, will be condemned at some later epoch. Mr Attlee

IN spite of wars and fundamental changes in the order of society, the Boys' Brigade is as vigorous and vital today as it has ever been. Princess Elizabeth

## Blessed are the humble

Joys are not the property of the rich alone; nor has he lived ill who at his birth and at his death has passed unnoticed. Horace

## IN THE COUNTRY

THE old wall between the rough grass fields and the russet-clad moor—built so cleverly of loose stones—always merits our attention. Tiny plants adorn its jagged top and the fissures and openings of its uneven face; ferns and stonecrop, and many an unexpected tiny sapling, endeavour to maintain a root-hold in some crack.

Nature has beautified the work of man, draping the stones with mosaic and tapestry. Lovely mosses paint the weathered surface with yellow, green, orange, and a dozen other tints; lichens give parts of the wall a multi-coloured look, as though an artist had dabbed his brushes haphazardly in his palette.

The wall also houses many creatures in its holes and crannies—the V-rippled adder, the spiny hedgehog, the cunning stoat, and many a baby rabbit; the galleries in the loose stones are the runways of mice and voles; and in summer the wheatear builds her nest in a convenient hole.







## BLUE CHEESE, PLEASE

THE thought that blue cheese, like Gorgonzola, Stilton, or Rochefort, has up to now been unobtainable in New Zealand is enough to make cheese-fanciers feel glad they never went there.

New Zealand produces mountains of cheese, all of Cheddar type. But not long ago travelled New Zealanders suggested that blue cheese should be made in their own country, and as an experiment small quantities of it were produced.

The customers' verdict was unanimous: "More, please!" So the N.Z. Dairy Board has recommended that blue cheese should be made for home consumption at the rate of between 100 and 300 tons a year. It is not suitable for long-distance export, as it must be sold as soon as it is "ripe."

An authority on cheese has stated that the blue veins in Gorgonzola, Stilton, and Rochefort are the mould made by penicillium glaucum, a close relative of penicillium notatum, from which penicillin is made. Possibly the eating of a piece of Stilton at the end of a meal is an aid to digestion, because of the mould.

There are said to be some 500 varieties of cheese in the world—made from the milk of cows, goats, sheep, mares, camels, buffalo and reindeer.

## Making Ceylon more fertile

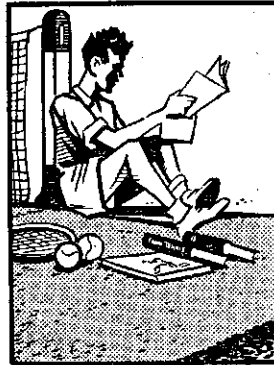
CEYLON is a land of two parts. The south is the wet zone, and the north is largely dry jungle. A great resettlement scheme of the north is being carried out, and to assist increased production of food a number of irrigation projects are in hand.

These include the building of an enormous new earth dam at Gal Oya to supply water for a hundred thousand acres and a concrete dam at Nalanda Oya to supplement the existing tanks at Anaradhupura.

## Steps to Sporting Fame



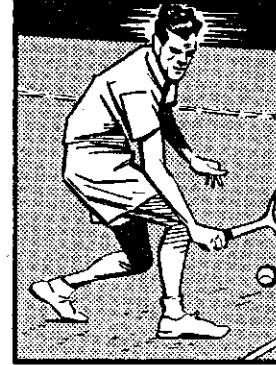
Anthony John (Tony) Mottram, who has played in Britain's Davis Cup team since 1947, was born in Coventry on June 8, 1920.



He is self-taught, learning from books and magazines as a boy. In 1937 he reached the last eight in the Junior Championship at Wimbledon and became a Warwickshire County player one year later.



In 1939 he reached the third round in the Men's Singles at Wimbledon. In 1940 he joined the R A F and in his six years of service as a pilot won the D F C and rose to the rank of squadron leader.



Back to lawn tennis Mottram soon proved himself Britain's No 1. An all-round athlete, he played both Rugby and soccer for the R A F, is a County squash player and a good golfer.

## FAREWELL TO JOHN FLYNN

AUSTRALIA has been mourning Dr John Flynn, "Flynn of the Inland," founder of the world-famous Flying Doctor Service. He has passed on only a few weeks after retiring from the life-saving work to which he devoted over 40 years.

It was at the beginning of the century that Dr Flynn, a Presbyterian Missionary, began thinking of the settlers of the "out-back" regions—people who lived far from neighbours, railway stations, roads or telegraphs. What happened to them if they fell ill? Who could minister to their spiritual needs?

At first he travelled hundreds of miles on horseback or in a horse-drawn buggy to visit these lonely folk; and later he had the idea of using aeroplanes to reach them.

The problem of how they could summon a doctor had yet to be solved, and John Flynn, now head of the new Australian Inland Mission, thought a small wireless transmitter could be constructed. He and his friends then evolved a simple one costing very little.

"Flynn of the Inland" did Yeoman service for those in need, and his name will long be remembered.

## Children illustrate Hans Andersen

FOR the children's drawing competition organised by the Danish Save the Children's Fund (Red Barnet), it has been decided that competitors are to submit an illustration for one of ten selected Hans Andersen stories.

No closing date has yet been given by the Danish Committee, but it is felt that principals of British schools who decide to co-operate will wish to be clear of the undertaking well before the midsummer examinations.

More information can be obtained from The Save the Children's Fund, 20 Gordon Square, London, W C 1.

## Road to link the two Americas

NORTH AMERICA and South America are joined together by a strip of land—cut through at its narrowest part by the Panama Canal—but it is still not possible to journey between these two great continents entirely by land.

The tapering lower part of North America comprises southern Texas, side by side with Mexico, which itself thins out and joins on to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras (side by side again) lead to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Finally, Panama is on the thinnest part of the strip, adjoining Colombia in South America.

Most people know these six little countries only by their postage stamps. But suddenly they become news with the announcement that the Inter-America Highway scheme is to be pushed through.

The United States Congress is being asked to provide eight million dollars a year for eight years to cover the cost of linking up the roads already built. Reports indicate that the road will be open as far as Panama by next spring, but large sections will still need re-building and re-surfacing.

At present an excellent high-

way exists from Laredo, in Texas, through Mexico to the Guatemalan border, where it stops.

The road which runs through Guatemala starts nearer the



coast, and there is no link between the two. To get from one road to the other cars have to be shipped by sea to bridge the gap.

Then there are two more big gaps in the main highway in

north and south Costa Rica. Bridging these gaps will be the first task of the engineers. After that they will concentrate on making the whole road suitable for first-class travel.

There are some experts, however, who doubt whether the idea of a road right through to South America will ever be realised.

From Chepo in the southern part of Panama there is a 250-mile stretch of jungle and swamp to be crossed. This is believed to be one of the wettest areas in the world, with an annual rainfall of 260 inches.

One highway engineer, asked for his estimate of how long it would take to drive a road through this region, replied, "One hundred years."

## COLUMBUS PAPERS

ROYAL papers which sanctioned the provisioning of Columbus's ship the *Santa Maria*, and helped to make history, are shortly to be offered for sale in New York.

The documents, priced at £12,500, bear the signatures of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.

## TILL EULENSPIEGEL—A new picture-version of his merry pranks (2)

Tales about Till Eulenspiegel, the merry rogue of German folklore, have been popular in many lands for

hundreds of years. Till's mother, a widow, wanted him to learn a trade, but, the legend runs, idle Till cared

only for eating heartily and practising walking the tight-rope. He earned nothing to help to keep himself.



When Till, practising in his attic, became proficient at tight-rope walking, he stretched his rope from his attic window to a tree on the opposite side of the river, and invited everybody to come and see him walk across. He was very proud of himself now. But his mother was determined to teach him a lesson and stop his tight-rope nonsense. She cut the rope, and the intrepid rope walker flopped ungracefully into the river.



Spluttering and bedraggled with weeds, Till crawled out of the river while the crowd laughed heartily. He was very angry and resolved to have his revenge on them all for poking fun at him. Some days later he stretched his rope across the square from the town hall to the church, and announced that he would perform amazing feats on the tight-rope of a kind never before seen anywhere. At first no one believed him.



A laughing crowd gathered, and when he appeared they cried: "You can't go for a swim here, Till!" But he performed some really clever tricks, then said: "Now for a feat you have never seen before; but to do it well, I must ask you to lend me your shoes." Puzzled, but curious to see the trick, they threw him their shoes, which he deftly caught and strung together on a cord. Next he flung the shoes across the square.

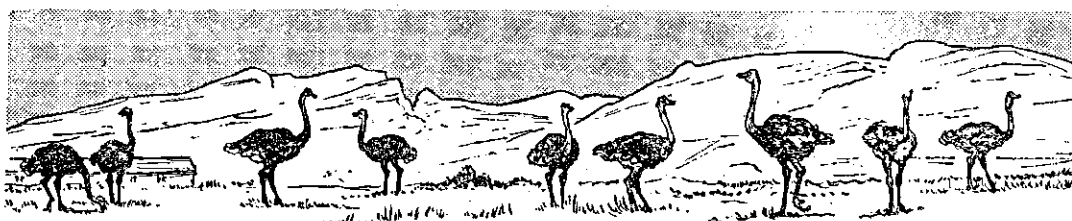


Then he calmly said: "That is all, ladies and gentlemen." They gasped with indignation, then made a rush to find their shoes in the jumbled heap. Soon they were pushing, snatching, and arguing about which shoes were whose; some trying to claim good shoes and leave their own old ones. Till nearly fell off his rope from laughing. While they quarrelled, he quietly slipped away through the town hall.

Look out next week for more of the amusing adventures of this young rascal



## An ARTIST in SOUTH AFRICA



### 3. Across the Karroo and through Knysna Forests

**RICHARD OGLE** gave us last week a glimpse of the Cape's picturesque Malay population. This week he reveals for us with pen and pencil the country which inspired Rider Haggard, and formed the background to *King Solomon's Mines*.

We approached the Great Karroo from the curiously English town of George, where I stopped to paint a picture of Mount Cradock swathed in mist and reminiscent of our Lake District.

No contrast could be greater than the cool rain-laden atmosphere of this charming town with its flower-filled gardens, and the stark, arid vastness of the Karroo beyond the Outeniqua Mountains, which we crossed by the wild yet beautiful Montague Pass.

The desolate flat-topped hills, like the great mountains we had passed, looked as if cut out of cardboard, so sharply defined are they in the clear air. An illimitable plain stretched before us, rust-red and yellow where the scrub clothed the bare earth.

In the early morning and at nightfall there is a majestic calm as the fierce African sun rises and sets over this tawny land. Here, in the neighbourhood of Oudtshoorn, the ostrich farm—booming in the '90s and since almost fallen into disuse—is once again beginning to flourish with rising sales in the American market.

As we drove past, like Jehu, under a veritable cloud of red dust, these great birds stalked by imperiously or stood immobile to watch us.

The large eyes and little head of the ostrich, its partiality for

As we drove upwards the heights seemed to close in on us, so that at each turn of the road we felt the way must come to an abrupt end.

Tawny rock and tawny scrub, with a lowering purple sky, created the impression of a land



In the caves

that might produce the Wizard of Oz. No wonder an author's mind was stimulated into picturing the wonders of King Solomon in this lost land among the mountains.

Here we came upon the Congo caves or caverns—vast and awe-inspiring halls with stalagmites and stalactites contorting and building phantom figures in the echoing depths of the mountains.

Two miles of these caves are at present visible, ending in that fantastic funnel known as the Devil's Workshop. But there are passages and caverns yet unexplored, where bushmen of an earlier age hid and then drove out the cattle they had stolen on the farther side.

Human skulls, wall drawings, and the remains of camp fires proved the truth of farmer Van Zyl's story when, 150 years ago, he stumbled on the secret of his lost cattle while chasing a wounded buck. These bushmen robbers have long since gone, but the wonder and mystery of their mountain fastnesses will remain for ever.

Here the storms often threaten but never break, and we continued our journey over the mountains under a copper-coloured sky.

A roving leopard

pebbles and stray nails, have rendered it for young people rather an amusing creature. But in large numbers and at close range, the birds can appear impressive and not a little sinister. Shortly before our visit a man had been kicked to death by one of these birds that in a moment can turn from a figure of fun into one of ferocity.

**IRRIGATION** has made the little town of Oudtshoorn a pleasant place. Here we lunched before continuing our journey to the foothills of the massive Zwartberg Range, where jagged peaks reached skywards like the grotesque fingers of a giant.

**ON** the summit of the Zwartberg Pass all life seems dead among the jumbled rocks. In the sky overhead a solitary vulture swung low to look at us, and,

far away among the brick-red rocks, were moving specks we knew were roving leopards.

The road escaped from these mountains through the twisting narrow valley of Meiringspoort, where there is just room for road and river to pass through together, intertwining at 32 fords.

In these primeval solitudes the mind expands and has free play. The past is linked with the present, the present with the future. Space is illimitable, time limitless.

**THE** great forest lands on the next stage of our journey were the more striking by contrast. Mountain and valley alike are covered with dense growth which extends to the verge of the Indian Ocean, while the rivers form forest pools where, at one time, great herds of elephants came to drink.

Here may still be found four-footed denizens of the jungle in abundance, and, as we drove slowly through the twilight of its great silence, shadows flicked across our track as monkey, antelope, boar, and—at nightfall—the pursuing leopard escaped into the dense undergrowth.

At rare intervals the few remaining elephants appear, and these are said to be the largest still existing in Africa.

With the exception of the Cape buffalo, now driven away from this area, the elephant is undoubtedly the most formidable wild creature encountered. Most of these great pachyderms have, however, retreated into the densest part of the forest and, judging by the last reported appearance in the neighbourhood of the little town of Knysna, this is all to the good.

On this occasion an elderly farmer had walked a little way into the forest with his terrier to enjoy his pipe, the dog eagerly following the scent of small game.

The man had seated himself on a fallen log when his dog came rushing towards him closely followed by a huge bull elephant.

Taken completely by surprise, the farmer attempted to take cover in the undergrowth, but his dog, of course, followed him—with the elephant hard upon the dog. The terrier escaped, but the unfortunate man was overtaken and trampled to death. The elephant then faded



Unlike his Indian cousin, Jumbo of the Zoo, the African elephant is a wild and intractable creature

into the forest as silently as it had come.

For some years now no elephants have been seen in daylight on this side of the forest.

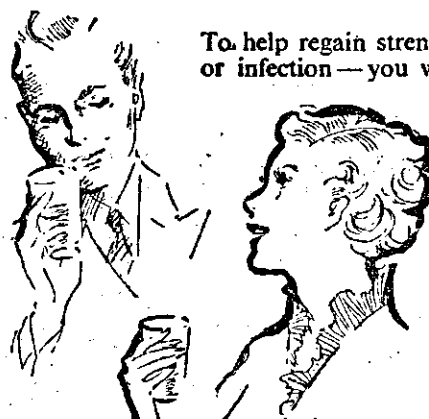
(The fascination and frenzy of native dances is the subject of the next article.)

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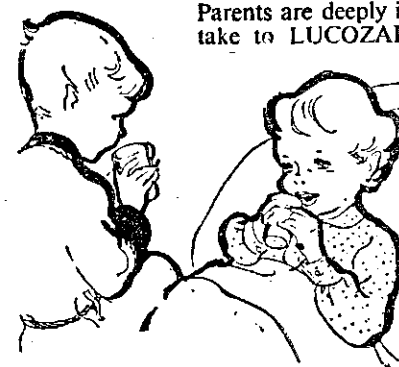
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# Story of British Columbia's Negro Militia

RECENTLY-DISCOVERED records in the provincial archives at Vancouver, British Columbia, tell the story of British Columbia's first militia, a force composed entirely of Negroes.

When the anti-slavery campaign was rendering America, some Negroes in California who hoped to attain complete freedom under the British flag sent delegates to Sir James Douglas, first Governor of the province.

Douglas offered them protection and the opportunity to become British subjects. Funds were then raised among themselves and two ships were chartered. Six hundred Negroes, with their goods, machinery, and even their cattle, made the voyage north to a freer life.

They settled down at Esquimalt and began to take an active interest in the community. Yet, when a volunteer fire brigade was formed the Negroes were prevented from joining.

They then petitioned the Governor to form their own military unit. The request was granted and the proud force was called the Pioneer Rifle Corps.

It had a captain, three officers, and 40 privates, and was sworn in on July 4, 1861.

Uniforms and rifles were provided by the Hudson's Bay Company and voluntary donations by the Negro settlers helped out the annual allowance of 225 dollars.

When in 1863 Vancouver Island was separated from the mainland colony and from the control of the Hudson's Bay Company, a new Governor, Arthur Kennedy, was appointed. The ceremony of his inauguration was to be a red letter day for the militia, who, complete with a new flag, were to act as his guard of honour. Racial jealousies arose, however, and, owing to the fear of open conflict, it was decided that all parades should be banned on inauguration day.

But Governor Kennedy, aware of the humiliation suffered by the Negro militia, called for a parade the following day when he reviewed them for the first and last time.

Thus did the first militia in the history of Western Canada fade into obscurity on April 6, 1864.

## Antarctica in London

AFTER the Dome of Discovery, the *Discovery* herself, moored nearly opposite, will be the magnet for many tireless young visitors to London in Festival year. For in this ship of heroic memory is another exhibition, illustrating Britain's achievements during 50 years of Antarctic exploration.

This is the Golden Jubilee year of the Sea Scouts' famous training ship, for she was launched on March 21, 1901, and on July 31 that year Captain Scott took her South.

We can feel very near his and his gallant comrades' spirit on board the *Discovery*, for there are many personal relics of Captain Scott in this exhibition, as well as relics of other great explorers. The everyday life of these men who respond to the challenge of Farthest South is illustrated by samples of their equipment, their tents, a laden sledge with its photographs and other exhibits.

Charts show the extent to which these tough, daring men have penetrated unknown Antarctica during the last 50 years.

## LOOKING BACK AT THE TESTS

ELUSIVE VICTORY (Hodder & Stoughton, 12s 6d) is the story of a failure—but a glorious failure. Written by E. W. Swanton, famous correspondent and broadcaster, it is an account of the MCC's tour of Australia, from the time the team was picked in England to the time Melbourne ground echoed with the cheers greeting England's victory in the fifth Test.

Mr Swanton first describes his over-all impressions of the tour, and then gives vivid day-by-day commentaries on the games. He brings to mind once more the glorious innings of Len Hutton, the great-heartedness of Alec Bedser, the zeal of the popular and gallant skipper, Freddie Brown, and the strange and sad failure of Denis Compton.

All the facts and figures of a great Test Match series are here, and many fine photographs; but it is above all a book for everyone who would recapture the excitement of those not-far-off winter days when we all waited for news of that elusive victory.

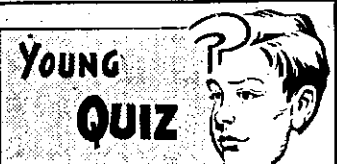
## Chocolate's enemy will be beaten

THE last C.N. Picture-News Map recorded that in 20 years' time all the Gold Coast cocoa trees might be lost through disease.

Now comes the heartening news that British scientists have discovered an insecticide to kill the detestable mealy-bug, which causes the swollen shoot disease in the trees.

The Gold Coast produces half the world's cocoa, and swollen shoot already has 50 million trees in its fatal grip. If all the Colony's 400 million trees were to die so, too, would its great cocoa industry, the third largest dollar-earner in the Empire.

The new mealy-bug killer cannot save the 50 million trees that are dying, but it should protect the remainder.



- 1 What are the four freedoms?
- 2 What are the names of the Three Musketeers?
- 3 What is the Blue Peter?
- 4 When is the next Leap Year?
- 5 What are the names of the King and Queen of Denmark?
- 6 Who designed the first jet aircraft engine in this country?
- 7 Who discovered the Bounty Islands in the South Pacific?
- 8 Haworth Parsonage was the home of—?

Answers on page 11

The Children's Newspaper, May 26, 1951  
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In this event one of each of the twelve pairs of riders competing must be on the track night and day throughout the whole of the race; they eat on the track, shave on the track and take cat-naps in small cubicles beside the track, a steeply-banked wooden structure one-tenth of a mile round.

Wally Summers, who rides with a French partner, will be the only Englishman in the race. The winners are likely to be Alf Strom and Roger Arnold, two young Australians, who made a great name for themselves last season in six-day races on the Continent.

THE London Caledonian Games—closely resembling the popular Highland Games held all over Scotland every year—will be staged at the White City this Saturday.

In addition to piping displays, dancing, athletics, and caber-tossing, Glasgow Rangers and Celtic will play a 5-a-side soccer match.

REX WILLIAMS, of Blackheath, Staffs, is the youngest player ever to win the Amateur Snooker Championship. Only 17, he began to play the game only four years ago, but has won 14 boys' and youths' titles, and this year has become the first player to hold the youth title and the amateur crown at the same time.

ATHOL ROWAN, one of two brothers in the South African cricket side, made his debut for Transvaal at the age of 17, following a wonderful career as a schoolboy batsman. He once scored 1196 runs in nine innings, including 6 successive centuries, and then had to put his bat aside to take his Matric.

THE Cricket Writers' Club has decided to present a trophy at the end of each season to the best young cricketer of the year, the qualification being less than three full seasons in first-class cricket. The 1950 award has been made to Roy Tattersall, the young Lancashire slow bowler, who joined the MCC team in Australia midway through the tour and played in the last two Tests.

### The CN Spring Colouring Test

## 1st PRIZE: A BICYCLE

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HERE is No 1 of a new series of competitions for CN readers! Every fortnight there will be an interesting competition with grand prizes for boys and girls. The first prize this month is a fine Bicycle, and the senders of the twenty next best entries will be able to choose their prizes from the following list:

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This is a chance for young artists. This colouring competition is open to all readers under 17 and there is no entry fee. The prize Bicycle (junior model or full size as the winner may need) will be awarded for the best colouring of the picture given here. Due allowance will be made for age.

The colouring may be done in paints or crayons.

To enter, simply cut out and colour the outline as nicely as you can, but remember you can do better work if you paste the picture on a postcard or thick paper and let it dry thoroughly first. Cut out the panel whole—that is, picture and coupon together—and then fill in the coupon plainly in ink. Make sure that you get your effort signed as your own unaided work.

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This competition is open to all readers in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Isles. The Editor's decision will be final.



This colouring is entirely my own work.

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

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## Miniature loco can do 70 m p h

A MODEL railway now running in the East Meadows, Edinburgh, makes a charge of 6d a trip for each passenger and devotes the proceeds towards the cost of alterations to a Children's Shelter.

Two powerful miniature locomotives, correct in every detail, provide the power for the model railway—the steam-driven *Commodore Vanderbilt*, which on trial has done nearly 40 m p h with a full load of 80 passengers, and the Diesel turbine *Pride of California*, which has touched 70 m p h with 200 passengers on board. In the restricted space of the East Meadows, however, Edinburgh children will have to be content with speeds around 20 m p h.

Mr Ernest Dove, the owner of this fascinating miniature railway, loves to tell of his first early experiment to make a working model locomotive out of a cocoa tin. In attempting to fire his rather makeshift model he incurred his mother's wrath by setting the carpet on fire.

## SHOWBOAT ON THE THAMES

OLD FATHER THAMES is to have a Showboat. The Players' Theatre has chartered a paddle steamer for the Festival of Britain period, and on this floating stage will present the type of music-hall entertainment that was popular towards the end of last century. There will be seating accommodation for 350.

*Late Joys*, the name given to the old-time entertainments of the Players' Theatre, will also be the name of this Showboat of the Thames, which is being moored near Charing Cross Pier.

## Order of the Bath

ON Empire Day, May 24, the King is to attend the service of the Order of the Bath in the newly renovated Henry VII Chapel in Westminster Abbey, which has been the chapel of the Order since 1725.

This is one of London's most colourful ceremonies, with the Knights Grand Cross in their mantles of crimson satin, lined with white taffeta and tied with a cord of white silk with two tassels of crimson silk and gold.

## ON HER TOES

VANDA DORSETT, of Swindon, though only seven, has won a silver cup, two bronze medals, and 40 certificates for dancing.

At Cheltenham Musical Festival she was awarded the silver trophy for operatic solo, and two first-class and two second-class certificates.

At Bristol Eisteddfod Vanda took first place in modern musical and four seconds for ballet, character, tap, and Greek.

## YOUNG QUIZ—Answers

- 1 Freedom of speech and religion, freedom from want and fear.
- 2 Athos, Porthos, and Aramis.
- 3 Flag hoisted when a ship is about to sail.
- 4 1952.
- 5 King Frederik and Queen Ingrid.
- 6 Sir Frank Whittle.
- 7 Captain Bligh.
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### Cold comfort

It was a very hot day and the tenant of a flat was talking to the caretaker.

"Wouldn't it be a good idea to run iced water through the radiators?" she asked.

"I'm afraid that can't be done, madam," replied the porter.

"Why not? You did it all last winter."

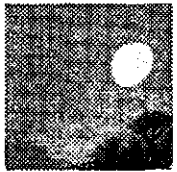
### How tall?

Alan's height minus one inch is half as much again as Brian's. Colin's height is one inch more than half of Alan's. If Brian is 9 inches taller than Colin, how tall is each of the three?

Answer next week

### Other worlds

In the evening Venus is in the west, and Saturn is in the south. In the morning Jupiter is in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at 6.0 on Thursday morning, May 24.



### Jumbled countries

If the letters of the following phrases are properly rearranged, they will spell the names of six countries in various parts of the world.

A USA TRIAL      DARK MEN  
YON WAR      GREAT NINA  
I SPARE      IDEA IN SON

Answer next week

### Safe arrival

He had just got a job in a railway station; but as the first train drew in he forgot the name of the station. He called out:

"Here you are for where you are going. All in there for here come out! If not, stay in."

### Chain-quiz

Here is a new kind of quiz-puzzle to test both your general knowledge and your skill. The answers are all linked together, the last two letters of the first being the opening pair of the second, and so on, like this:

AngeliCA CANADA DAKOTA  
Tanglewood

See if you can answer with the following clues:

1. Musical instrument, small member of woodwind family, with single reed and range of 2½ octaves; favourite with Mozart; said to have been developed from the chalumeau.

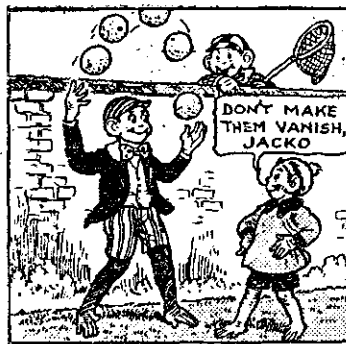
2. Large volcanic mountain; philosopher Empedocles said to have thrown himself into crater so that his complete disappearance would lead to the belief that he was a god.

3. Norwegian explorer and statesman (1861-1930); led first expedition to cross Greenland; reached 86° 14' N. in Polar expedition; also famous for direction of relief work after the First World War.

4. Shepherd in Greek mythology; so beautiful that Selene, the moon goddess, made him sleep for ever so that she might come down and kiss him whenever she wished.

Answer next week

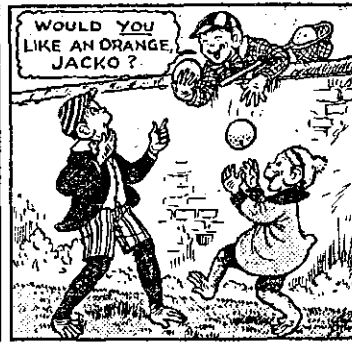
## Chimp jokes while Jacko juggles



Jacko was demonstrating his rare talents as a juggler.



But he was not so happy about being a complete magician.



And he was glad to see the net result of Chimp's fishing.

### Age of an egg

THE age of an unbroken egg may be told by watching the way in which it floats when placed in a solution of one part of salt to two of water.

If the egg is under 36 hours old it will sink to the bottom of the jar. When from two to three days old it will float just below the surface.

At the end of the 5th day the long axis of the egg will stand at 20 degrees. On the 8th day it will be at 45 degrees; on the 14th 60; on the 21st 75. At the end of the month the egg will float upright with the small end downwards

### Not what was wanted

"I WANT you to write a sentence with the word 'Analysis' in it, children," said teacher to the class.

One of the pupils wrote: "The teacher asked us to look up the word 'analysis' in the dictionary."

### Riddle-my-name

IN terrace and street,  
In coal, not in peat;  
In grape, not in pear;  
In step, not in stair;  
In rick, not in stack—  
If jolly, he's black!

Answer next week

### A matter of spelling

SAID a crazy old fellow from Spain:

"I never take tea in a train.  
The reason you see,  
If from train you take T,  
Why, you're left sitting there in the rain."

### Farmer Gray explains

Scraggy Youngsters. From the orchard came the soft "Coo, coo, coo" of wood-pigeons.

"What an odd bird!" exclaimed Ann to her brother Don, pointing to a forlorn-looking creature which was peering down from a tangle of crab apple and hawthorn. Its scraggy neck was naked and its head was covered with down.

"It's a young wood-pigeon," explained Farmer Gray, who was with the children. "They are slow to lose the uncouth appearance common to young birds. Wood-pigeons can be distinguished from other wild pigeons by their greater size and the white patches around the neck, which form a collar and provides the alternative name of Ring-Dove."

### RODDY



"Do you stick them in an album, like I do with my stamps?"

### Greedy Reynard

To find a nice plump chicken. The fox for miles will roam. The reason is, he has a brush. And therefore wants a comb.

### Wily Willie



Two double-thick, crispy, nut-flavoured wafer bars covered in luscious, milky chocolate

ONLY ONE POINT

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### Ugly looks

MOTHER found her small son making faces at a fierce-looking bulldog.

"Why were you doing that, John?" she said as she hurried him away.

"Well, he started it," was the reply.

### Last week's answers

Riddle-my-name

Sarah (Anagram: A rash)

Riddle-in-rhyme  
The letter I

Growing help

True, thrush, dismay, sublime, haddock, porcupine

Beheading  
Twin (win, in)

A	C	T	A	F	A	R
S	A	W	A	Y	C	E
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### BEDTIME CORNER

#### Mr Portly's knitting

ONE wet afternoon Mr Portly came in from his run soaking wet. Ann dried him as well as she could, but as he was still so wet she took him upstairs to finish drying before the playroom fire. She was minding Colin up there in his playpen while Mummie was busy cooking, and she was getting on with her own knitting at the same time.

Mr Portly settled down contentedly on the hearthrug. But not, however, for long. The clinkety-click of Ann's knitting needles began to fascinate him, and soon he leapt on to her lap and began patting them as they moved in and out of the green wool.

"Bother you! You're making me drop stitches!" cried Ann at last. "If you want to knit too, have your own wool." So she got out the scarlet hank he'd had last Christmas, and in a second he was tossing and biting it.

Suddenly Colin began crying. "Want woo! Want woo!" he screamed, making grabs through the bars at Mr Portly's plaything.

Eventually Ann had to give it to him. "Never mind, Mr Portly," she said. "You can knit another time. Come on my lap again, but be good."

Before he could, however, Mummie called her. And putting her knitting on the mantelpiece, Ann went downstairs.

The sight of that inviting green bundle was soon too much for Mr Portly, however. Colin had his wool, so he would have Ann's. Up he leaped, and in a trice he had knocked the whole lot off the mantelpiece, and the ball of wool went rolling enticingly across the floor.

In and out and around the bars of the playpen, and the legs of chairs and tables he chased it, till, when Ann returned, every bit of furniture was knitted together with criss-crossings of green wool.

It took Ann till bedtime to undo his knitting and rewind her wool. And Mr Portly, banished to the kitchen, couldn't think what he'd done wrong! JANE THORNICROFT

### WHODUNIT?



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